



Mishawaka Communicator



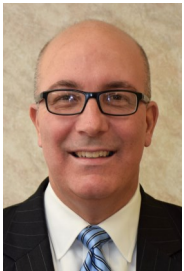
Working together to build the "Best Hometown in America" by delivering exceptional services, promoting safe and clean neighborhoods, elevating the quality of life and inspiring pride in our community.

Dave Wood, Mayor

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A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood



Do you ever wonder what goes into the selection of the specific streets completed during the annual Summer Street Paving Program? For several years, the Engineering Department annually ranks every street section in the City using the nationally recognized Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating system (PASER). The PASER system provides guidelines to rate pavement surface conditions on a scale of 1 to 10, where ten (10) is best and one (1) is worst. By annually completing the city-wide PASER rating satisfying the Local Technical Assistance Program approved format, it ensures the City's eligibility for State funding grants, i.e. Community Crossings Matching Grant and Federal Aid Programs. Engineering will be completing 2019 PASER ratings this fall to be eligible for the January 2020 projects.

From the evaluation, Engineering then compiles a list of streets with ratings of 3, 4, and 5. The traffic volume, street category, other nearby City projects, and funds available are part of the consideration process. From a shortened list, each location is re-inspected in the spring to see what changes have occurred during winter months. This 2019 season we were able to select 33 street sections, which unfortunately only represents 14% of the streets currently rating 3 in 2018. However, we were also able to stretch our funds by being awarded a 50/50 match from the Community Crossings Grant program. This program funded two major high-volume street sections: Grape Road from Edison Road to McKinley Avenue and Edison Lakes Parkway from Main Street to Main Street.

Once street sections have been identified for the Summer Street Paving Program, we evaluate the handicap ramps for compliance to current ADA standards. Typically, reconstruction of the ramps occurs prior to the street sections of milling and paving.

Currently, the 2019 Summer Street Paving Program is 67% complete with final completion expected at the end of October. The two streets funded by the 2019 Community Crossings Grant: Edison Lakes Parkway will be completed by the end of September and Grape Road is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving.



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Remember to Schedule Checkups for Kids

Health Information from Saint Joseph Health System

Children and adolescents between the ages of 5 and 19 should see their doctor once a year for a "well-child visit." These appointments help protect children from disease and evaluate their physical growth and development.

"Wellness visits are different from those for illness or injury," according to Dr. Nathaniel Stewart, primary care provider at River Park Family Medicine in South Bend. "They include a thorough physical exam and also address any emotional, developmental or social concerns."

The benefits of well-child visits include:

- **Prevention.** Your child needs regular immunizations to prevent illness.
- **Tracking growth and development.** In addition to your child's physical growth, you can discuss his or her milestones, social behavior and learning.
- **Raising concerns.** Make a list of questions or concerns you want to talk about, including adolescent issues of substance abuse, sexual activity, eating disorders and depression.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 2 Coffee With A Cop (Battell Center)
- Oct 5 Wags of Welcome (Margaret Prickett Park)
- Oct 19 Trunk or Treat (Battell Center)
- Oct 25 Masquerade at Castle Manor (21+) (Castle Manor)
- Oct 31 Trick or Treat 5p-7p (Citywide)
- Nov 1 Flannel Formal (21+) (Central Park)
- Nov 11 Veterans Day (City offices closed)
- Nov 15 Family Fun Night (Battell Center)
- Nov 30 Holiday Craft Fair (Battell Center)
- Nov 30 Santa's Arrival
- Dec 1 Winterfest (Merrifield Park)

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Join Mishawaka Parks for a ghoulishly good time!!

Oct 11-13 and Oct 18-20
Haunted House 6p-9p

Oct 19
Trunk or Treat 5p-7p

Location: Battell Community Center

Contact Mishawaka Parks (574) 258-1664 for details!

ONLINE ACCESS

- <http://mishawaka.in.gov>
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- <http://mishawaka.in.gov/parksandrecreation>
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A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood *(continued)*

Other City projects this construction season include the Milburn Area Utility improvements. This year's project is Somerset Avenue from Delaware to Sixth Street and Logan from Dragoon to Milburn Avenue. The Logan project is complete and was fully opened September 6th. The Somerset Avenue construction began August 19th and will be completed by Thanksgiving.

Twelfth Street Corridor

One of the most talked about projects recently is the corridor of Twelfth Street. What is going on here and when will it be done? Twelfth Street from Downey to Campbell, which is 800 feet short of a mile long, and Byrkit Avenue from Twelfth to Eleventh Street is a Federal Aid Project and was originally designed to take two construction seasons to complete.

However, at the start of the project in April of 2019, we encountered much more difficult construction due to utilities, groundwater, and unfortunately the public's lack of obeying construction traffic control. It became apparent that it would not be safe to keep the one lane open to traffic to use during construction. Therefore, on the first day school was out for summer, we closed the section of Byrkit south of Twelfth Street north to Eleventh Street and Twelfth Street from Campbell to just west of Beiger Street, keeping Beiger intersection open to traffic. This afforded the unique opportunity to concurrently perform multiple construction elements previously planned for independent installation and in essence, fast forward the construction saving enough funds to extend the project improvements on Byrkit from Eleventh Street north to Eighth Street. We opened Twelfth and Byrkit to traffic in a short 2-½ months, though not complete with all the typical tree lawn and sidewalk restoration still pending.

Currently, we have the Beiger and Twelfth Street intersection fully closed until the middle of October to complete improvements. Overall, it is anticipated the project will be fully completed by the end of the 2019 construction season and in record time.

Yours in Mishawaka,



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- **Checking if it's safe to participate in extra-curricular activities.** An annual physical is a good opportunity to address issues such as injuries, nutrition, training and exercise programs.
- **Team approach.** Regular visits create trust among pediatricians, parents and children. Continuous care allows the doctor to follow your child's progress over time and detect emerging problems before they escalate.

To learn more about staying well, visit ThisCounts.org.



Updated Signage for Normain Heights Subdivision

The Indiana Historical Marker for the Normain Heights Subdivision, originally erected in 1997, has been restored by Michiana Signs and Lighting. Normain Heights has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 2002 and was designated as a local conservation district in 2017.

Street toppers were installed this summer which identify the neighborhood as historic.

•MISHAWAKA PARKS AND RECREATION•

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CENTRAL PARK

21+ EVENT

LIVE MUSIC, BONFIRE, "BEST DRESSED" CONTEST

NOV 1  7 PM

\$5/PERSON TICKET* INCLUDES: COMMEMORATIVE MUG

*ONLY FOR PRE-REGISTERED

